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NONFARM JOBS REMAIN ABOVE 7 MILLION

Jobless Rate Rises

There were an additional 27,000 unemployed Texans in March 1991 compared to the February estimate, as the actual unemployment rate rose from 6.2 percent in February to 6.4 percent in March. Although the number of people actively seeking work increased moderately to 549,900, total employment also advanced over the month by over 56,000 to an estimated 7,978,000 in mid-March. Of the total employed, there were an estimated 218,900 agricultural workers, according to the Current Population Survey.

Compared to a year ago, when the jobless rate was 5.7 percent, total unemployment was up by over 77,000. Total employment in Texas had also risen over the year by over 100,000. Most of the growth in employment, however, occurred in the first half of 1990, and increases have slowed considerably since that time.

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs Increase

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs increased by 9,400 between February and March 1991. **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** totaled 7,093,400 in March, up by 103,900 jobs from one year ago.

Total **Nonmanufacturing** increased by 11,100 over the month. At 6,119,100, this was up by 115,500 over the year. **Government** had the largest Nonmanufacturing increase. At 1,317,300, this had risen by 3,400 from February, and by 40,800 from March '90. Local Government was up by 2,500 as local governmental agencies began gearing up expanded outdoor activities. State Government rose by 700, while Federal Government grew by 200 over the month.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Mar.'91	Feb. '91	Mar.'90
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	124,443.0	124,070.0	123,790.0
Unemployment	8,804.0	8,919.0	6,697.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	7.2%	5.4%
Total Employment	115,639.0	115,151.0	117,093.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	125,326.0	125,076.0	124,798.0
Unemployment	8,572.0	8,158.0	6,563.0
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	6.5%	5.3%
Total Employment	116,754.0	116,918.0	118,235.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,527.9	8,444.5	8,346.5
Unemployment	549.9	523.0	472.5
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.2%	5.7%
Total Employment	7,978.0	7,921.5	7,874.0
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,623.0	8,541.0	8,440.0
Unemployment	573.0	470.0	492.0
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	5.5%	5.8%
Total Employment	8,050.0	8,071.0	7,948.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Mar.'91*	Feb.91**	Mar.'90**	Mar.'91*	Feb.91**	Mar.'90**	Mar.'91*	Feb.91**	Mar.'90**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,700	50,200	50,600	94,600	94,500	94,900	443,100	439,200	430,100
Total Unemployment	2,800	2,600	2,600	4,700	4,400	4,800	19,700	18,400	17,500
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	5.2%	5.1%	5.0%	4.7%	5.1%	4.4%	4.2%	4.1%
Total Employment ++	47,900	47,600	48,000	90,100	90,100	90,100	423,400	420,800	412,600
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	169,600	167,400	160,700	88,000	87,500	85,400	108,600	106,400	104,000
Total Unemployment	10,800	10,500	11,000	4,600	4,400	4,300	13,900	13,400	11,600
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.3%	6.8%	5.2%	5.0%	5.0%	12.8%	12.6%	11.2%
Total Employment ++	158,800	156,900	149,700	83,400	83,100	81,100	94,700	93,000	92,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	63,100	62,300	62,300	167,500	166,300	161,500	1,445.6	1,434.1	1,421.7
Total Unemployment	2,000	2,200	2,000	11,700	11,500	9,400	80.7	74.8	63.8
Percent Unemployed	3.2%	3.5%	3.2%	7.0%	6.9%	5.8%	5.6%	5.2%	4.5%
Total Employment ++	61,100	60,100	60,300	155,800	154,800	152,100	1,364.9	1,359.3	1,357.9
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	253,900	251,900	247,100	738,800	734,000	723,200	109,500	107,700	107,800
Total Unemployment	27,200	26,200	23,600	46,300	42,900	32,200	7,500	7,300	5,900
Percent Unemployed	10.7%	10.4%	9.6%	6.3%	5.8%	4.5%	6.8%	6.8%	5.4%
Total Employment ++	226,700	225,700	223,500	692,500	691,100	691,000	102,000	100,400	100,900
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,749.4	1,727.0	1,687.4	95,600	94,800	96,100	54,200	54,000	53,200
Total Unemployment	91.6	84.3	76.4	6,500	6,500	6,200	6,500	6,500	6,200
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	4.9%	4.5%	6.8%	6.9%	6.5%	12.0%	12.0%	11.7%
Total Employment ++	1,657.8	1,642.7	1,611.0	89,100	88,300	89,900	47,700	47,500	47,000
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,800	78,200	79,100	116,100	115,200	113,500	167,000	166,400	169,600
Total Unemployment	6,100	6,000	4,900	5,900	5,300	4,400	33,100	34,500	36,700
Percent Unemployed	7.7%	7.7%	6.2%	5.1%	4.6%	3.9%	19.8%	20.7%	21.6%
Total Employment ++	72,700	72,200	74,200	110,200	109,900	109,100	133,900	131,900	132,900
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	47,900	47,600	47,400	52,100	51,400	51,100	43,400	43,100	44,000
Total Unemployment	2,400	2,200	2,400	3,100	2,700	3,000	2,100	1,900	2,400
Percent Unemployed	5.0%	4.6%	5.1%	6.0%	5.3%	5.9%	4.8%	4.4%	5.5%
Total Employment ++	45,500	45,400	45,000	49,000	48,700	48,100	41,300	41,200	41,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	603,000	599,100	601,400	47,600	47,400	47,000	56,200	56,500	56,700
Total Unemployment	39,000	37,700	35,800	3,100	2,900	2,300	4,200	3,800	3,300
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	6.3%	6.0%	6.5%	6.1%	4.9%	7.5%	6.7%	5.8%
Total Employment ++	564,000	561,400	565,600	44,500	44,500	44,700	52,000	52,700	53,400
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,400	73,600	73,300	36,300	36,100	35,100	93,000	92,600	90,900
Total Unemployment	4,800	4,600	3,900	1,700	1,700	1,600	5,300	5,300	4,300
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	6.3%	5.3%	4.7%	4.7%	4.6%	5.7%	5.7%	4.7%
Total Employment ++	69,600	69,000	69,400	34,600	34,400	33,500	87,700	87,300	86,600
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,400	55,000	54,800				8,527.9	8,444.5	8,346.5
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,600	2,800				549.9	523.0	472.5
Percent Unemployed	6.7%	6.5%	5.1%				6.4%	6.2%	5.7%
Total Employment ++	51,700	51,400	52,000				7,978.0	7,921.5	7,874.0

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

Services, at 1,731,500 had risen by 2,800 from February and by 36,700 from March '90. Other Services and Miscellaneous represented the largest increase within Services. At 314,900, it was up 2,600 over the month and 7,200 over the year. The next largest gain in Services was in Amusement, Including Motion Pictures, which increased by 1,000 from February. Seasonal hiring for amusement parks and motion picture productions was up slightly. Smaller gains occurred in Engineering and Management Services, up by 200, in Health Services, up by 300, and in Educational Services, up by 100. Business and Repair Services declined by 800 from February. This was mostly due to decreased business in Computer and Data Processing Services. Personal Services registered the only other loss in Services, declining by 600 over the month. Hotels and Other Lodging Places remained the same, at 85,300 jobs.

Wholesale and Retail Trade went up by 2,700 from February. At 1,695,600, this was up 10,900 from March '90. Wholesale Trade rose by 400 while Retail Trade was up 2,300 over the month. The largest gain in Retail Trade was in Eating and Drinking Places. The current figure of 432,800 represents an over-the-month increase of 3,800 and an over-the-year increase of 16,100. Students out for spring break at several colleges and at some local school districts helped to boost business. The return of warm weather increased outside activities and resulted in sizeable gains in businesses in concession sales. Building Materials and Garden Supplies rose by 1,800 from February. A loss of 1,500 was seen in General Merchandise Stores, as well as in Other Retail Trade, while Apparel and Accessory Stores was down by 300. Food Stores and Automotive Dealers and Service Stations remained the same over the month.

Construction showed an increase of 1,400 from February. At 336,800, this was up 11,900 from March '90. The most significant advances were found in Heavy Construction, Painting, Paper Hanging and Decorating, and in Other Special Trade Contracting.

Transportation and Public Utilities gained 800 jobs over the month. At 427,000, it was 11,100 more than a year ago. Transportation by Air continued a growth pattern in March by adding 600 jobs. The industry seemed little affected by bankruptcies filed by several major carriers in recent months. Communications increased by 400, Other Transportation increased by 300, while Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services was up by 100 over the month. There was no change in Railroad Transportation.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate rose by 300 from February. At 428,400, this was down by 2,100 from March '90. A gain of 600 in Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers was offset by a loss of 500 in Depository Institutions, including Banks. Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate gained 200 over the month.

The only loss in Nonmanufacturing occurred in **Mining**, which, at 182,500, was down 300 over the month and up 6,200 over the year.

Manufacturing lost 1,700 jobs, which at 974,300, was down 11,600 from a year ago. **Durable Goods** was down by 1,300 from February '91 and down by 16,400 from March '90. Transportation Equipment lost 800 jobs, all of which occurred in Aircraft and Parts, as defense-related cutbacks continued to take place. Losses of 500 each were seen in Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and in Industrial Machinery and Equipment (despite a gain of 200 in Oil and Gas Field Machinery). Losses of 200 were found both in Primary Metal Industries and in Fabricated Metal Industries. Furniture and Fixtures was down by 100 over the month. Lumber and Wood Products added 400 jobs. Growth was centered in Logging Camps, Sawmills, and Planing Mills because of new hires and recalls among leading producers. Stone, Clay and Glass Products increased by 300 while Instruments and Related Products was up by 200, and

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TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	MAR. '91*	FEB. '91**	MAR. '90**	Chg. from FEB. '91	Chg. from MAR. '90
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**7,093,400**	**7,084,000**	**6,989,500**	**9,400**	**103,900**
MANUFACTURING	**974,300**	**976,000**	**985,900**	**-1,700**	**-11,600**
Durable Goods	**551,100**	**552,400**	**567,500**	**-1,300**	**-16,400**
Lumber & Wood Products	30,700	30,300	31,500	400	-800
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,400	7,000	7,200	400	200
Furniture & Fixtures	14,800	14,900	16,500	-100	-1,700
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	33,500	33,200	36,100	300	-2,600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	14,200	14,300	15,700	-100	-1,500
Primary Metal Industries	30,000	30,200	29,200	-200	800
Fabricated Metal Industries	81,300	81,500	80,100	-200	1,200
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	39,400	39,600	39,300	-200	100
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	116,100	116,600	113,500	-500	2,600
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	28,500	28,300	25,100	200	3,400
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	101,100	101,600	105,700	-500	-4,600
Transportation Equipment	88,700	89,500	99,400	-800	-10,700
Aircraft & Parts	63,600	64,500	71,800	-900	-8,200
Instruments & Related Prod.	39,300	39,100	39,800	200	-500
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	15,600	15,500	15,700	100	-100
Nondurable Goods	**423,200**	**423,600**	**418,400**	**-400**	**4,800**
Food & Kindred Products	100,600	101,500	97,600	-900	3,000
Meat Products	31,600	31,500	30,300	100	1,300
Dairy Products	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0
Bakery Products	9,600	9,700	10,000	-100	-400
Malt Beverages	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,100	4,200	3,900	-100	200
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	54,100	54,300	57,300	-200	-3,200
Paper & Allied Products	24,200	24,400	24,400	-200	-200
Printing & Publishing	74,200	74,200	74,400	0	-200
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,600	35,600	36,400	0	-800
Chemicals & Allied Products	86,800	86,100	82,200	700	4,600
Petroleum & Coal Products	30,100	29,900	28,800	200	1,300
Petroleum Refining	26,900	26,700	25,600	200	1,300
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	42,000	41,900	42,200	100	-200
Leather & Leather Products	7,000	7,000	7,500	0	-500
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**6,119,100**	**6,108,000**	**6,003,600**	**11,100**	**115,500**
Mining	**182,500**	**182,800**	**176,300**	**-300**	**6,200**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,200	9,300	9,600	-100	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	173,300	173,500	166,700	-200	6,600
Construction	**336,800**	**335,400**	**324,900**	**1,400**	**11,900**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**427,000**	**426,200**	**415,900**	**800**	**11,100**
Railroad Transportation	18,100	18,100	19,000	0	-900
Other Transportation	241,500	241,200	231,000	300	10,500
Transportation by Air	79,200	78,800	71,700	600	7,500
Communications	88,500	88,100	87,900	400	600
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,900	78,800	78,000	100	900
Electric Services	40,400	40,400	40,400	0	0
Gas Production & Distribution	27,000	26,900	27,100	100	-100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,695,600**	**1,692,900**	**1,684,700**	**2,700**	**10,900**
Wholesale Trade	421,500	421,100	422,600	400	-1,100
Retail Trade	1,274,100	1,271,800	1,262,100	2,300	12,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	39,900	38,100	41,200	1,800	-1,300
General Merchandise Stores	173,200	174,700	174,300	-1,500	-1,100
Food Stores	235,500	235,500	232,200	0	3,300
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	135,700	135,700	136,300	0	-600
Apparel & Accessory Stores	76,300	76,600	78,800	-300	-2,500
Eating & Drinking Places	432,800	429,000	416,700	3,800	16,100
Other Retail Trade	180,700	182,200	182,600	-1,500	-1,900
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**428,400**	**428,100**	**430,500**	**300**	**-2,100**
Depository Insts., Incl. Banks	126,200	126,700	129,700	-500	-3,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	145,200	144,600	142,000	600	3,200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	157,000	156,800	158,800	200	-1,800
Services	**1,731,500**	**1,728,700**	**1,694,800**	**2,800**	**36,700**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	85,300	85,300	86,500	0	-1,200
Personal Services	82,100	82,700	79,400	-600	2,700
Business & Repair Services	445,000	445,800	440,600	-800	4,400
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	76,500	75,500	78,100	1,000	-1,600
Health Services	487,500	487,200	464,100	300	23,400
Educational Services	86,500	86,400	87,900	100	-1,400
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	153,700	153,500	150,500	200	3,200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	314,900	312,300	307,700	2,600	7,200
Total Government	**1,317,300**	**1,313,900**	**1,276,500**	**3,400**	**40,800**
Federal Government	202,100	201,900	203,200	200	-1,100
State Government	289,400	288,700	274,200	700	15,200
Local Government	825,800	823,300	799,100	2,500	26,700

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	MAR.'91*	FEB. '91**	MAR.'90**	MAR.'91*	FEB. '91**	MAR.'90**	MAR.'91*	FEB. '91**	MAR.'90**	MAR.'91*	FEB. '91**	MAR.'90**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	48,600	48,400	48,400	77,500	77,300	76,800	383,800	382,800	374,500	148,200	146,800	139,600
Manufacturing	4,500	4,500	5,000	9,000	8,800	8,600	48,800	49,100	47,200	26,000	25,800	24,900
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,100	1,100	1,100	700	700	700	1,800	1,900	1,600
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,700	2,800	2,900	12,200	12,100	11,200	13,300	12,800	10,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,700	5,600	5,500	5,400	12,000	12,000	11,700	9,600	9,600	9,600
Trade	12,600	12,600	12,400	21,900	21,900	22,300	75,500	75,300	76,800	33,200	33,000	31,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000	4,300	4,300	4,200	23,400	23,400	23,200	5,400	5,400	5,300
Services & Misc.	14,700	14,500	14,200	17,700	17,800	17,700	98,700	98,000	94,600	37,100	36,700	34,400
Government	9,200	9,200	9,200	15,200	15,100	14,600	112,500	112,200	109,100	21,800	21,600	21,600
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	67,400	67,200	65,300	77,400	76,300	75,400	55,900	55,100	55,100	137,800	137,700	134,500
Manufacturing	16,800	16,800	16,300	11,800	11,700	11,200	3,300	3,300	3,600	12,300	12,500	11,700
Mining	2,000	2,100	1,900	—	—	—	500	600	600	4,100	4,100	3,900
Construction	6,600	6,400	6,300	2,500	2,300	2,200	1,800	1,800	2,000	11,400	11,700	12,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,000	3,200	2,900	3,400	3,300	3,200	1,300	1,300	1,300	6,500	6,700	6,600
Trade	12,800	12,500	12,300	20,500	20,300	20,400	11,000	11,200	11,100	32,000	31,800	31,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,600	3,400	3,600	1,800	1,800	1,800	6,300	6,300	6,400
Services & Misc.	9,900	9,800	9,700	17,700	17,500	17,200	11,000	10,700	10,300	33,700	33,300	31,700
Government	12,500	12,600	12,100	17,900	17,800	17,600	25,200	24,400	24,400	31,500	31,300	30,100
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,374.7	1,373.7	1,365.1	209,700	209,800	206,400	584,000	584,700	581,600	76,400	75,100	75,200
Manufacturing	215.7	217.1	221.4	41,400	41,200	40,800	108,000	108,500	119,400	8,700	8,600	8,900
Mining	17.9	17.9	17.8	—	—	—	4,700	4,700	4,200	700	600	500
Construction	46.6	46.4	44.7	8,100	8,100	7,900	21,800	21,800	21,100	4,100	4,100	4,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	82.7	82.4	82.2	10,700	10,700	10,700	56,200	56,200	54,200	5,100	5,000	5,000
Trade	351.7	352.0	347.8	52,500	52,200	51,300	149,700	150,000	148,200	15,300	14,800	14,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	123.1	123.1	126.6	8,300	8,300	8,300	26,800	26,800	27,400	5,000	5,000	5,000
Services & Misc.	373.1	371.3	364.1	43,700	43,700	43,100	138,100	138,100	132,200	14,600	14,100	14,200
Government	163.9	163.5	160.5	45,000	45,600	44,300	78,700	78,600	74,900	22,900	22,900	22,200
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,622.4	1,614.0	1,570.0	72,800	72,400	73,700	45,100	45,000	44,000	68,400	68,400	69,300
Manufacturing	176.9	176.5	171.7	8,800	8,800	8,700	1,500	1,500	1,700	16,000	16,000	16,500
Mining	72.4	72.1	66.1	—	—	—	1,800	1,800	1,700	3,400	3,400	3,500
Construction	108.6	107.4	108.5	2,300	2,200	2,600	1,300	1,300	1,300	3,400	3,400	3,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	112.4	112.6	107.5	2,400	2,400	2,600	6,300	6,200	6,200	3,500	3,500	3,400
Trade	369.3	367.6	368.1	15,600	15,400	16,600	14,000	14,000	13,800	16,700	16,700	16,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	103.3	103.0	101.1	3,300	3,400	3,300	1,800	1,800	1,800	2,600	2,600	2,700
Services & Misc.	465.0	461.8	438.6	17,500	17,300	17,200	8,300	8,200	7,800	13,900	13,900	13,400
Government	214.8	213.0	208.4	22,900	22,900	22,700	10,100	10,200	9,700	8,900	8,900	9,200
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	98,500	98,400	97,600	103,100	102,700	101,600	44,800	44,700	43,900	44,200	44,100	43,500
Manufacturing	7,100	7,200	7,300	13,000	13,200	13,100	2,300	2,300	2,200	4,300	4,300	4,200
Mining	200	200	300	900	900	900	9,000	9,100	8,900	5,100	5,100	5,200
Construction	3,200	3,200	2,900	4,600	4,500	4,400	1,400	1,400	1,300	2,200	2,200	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,500	5,600	5,700	3,200	3,200	3,100	2,300	2,300	2,400	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trade	28,500	28,300	27,800	32,100	32,000	31,400	10,500	10,600	10,200	12,700	12,700	12,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,400	5,300	4,100	4,100	3,900	2,400	2,400	2,400	1,300	1,300	1,500
Services & Misc.	25,000	25,200	25,200	18,300	18,400	17,800	9,800	9,500	9,300	8,400	8,300	7,900
Government	23,400	23,300	23,100	26,900	26,400	27,000	7,100	7,100	7,200	8,200	8,200	8,200
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	36,700	36,400	36,200	518,000	517,800	519,700	37,700	37,900	37,500	45,800	46,200	47,100
Manufacturing	5,100	4,900	5,000	43,100	43,800	46,100	10,600	10,700	10,900	6,900	6,900	7,100
Mining	500	500	500	1,800	1,800	1,800	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,200	1,100	1,100	22,000	22,000	20,900	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,400	1,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600	21,900	21,700	21,800	1,600	1,600	1,500	2,400	2,400	2,400
Trade	8,800	8,600	9,000	128,500	128,400	127,800	7,800	7,800	7,600	10,700	10,700	10,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	37,900	38,100	40,200	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,800
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,200	8,900	140,600	139,700	139,700	9,700	9,800	9,500	11,200	11,100	10,700
Government	7,800	7,900	7,500	122,200	122,300	121,400	4,500	4,500	4,500	11,500	11,900	12,900
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	62,200	62,000	61,800	28,700	28,800	27,700	82,600	82,500	81,400	50,000	49,600	50,200
Manufacturing	10,800	10,800	10,700	3,100	3,100	2,900	16,100	15,900	15,900	8,000	8,000	8,200
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,700	1,500	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,400
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,700	1,500	1,600	3,000	3,000	3,100	1,700	1,700	1,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,400	3,500	2,700	2,600	2,700
Trade	15,800	15,800	16,000	7,300	7,600	7,500	19,200	19,200	18,300	11,500	11,400	11,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,500	1,600	1,600	1,600	5,200	5,200	5,100	2,100	2,100	2,200
Services & Misc.	16,000	16,000	15,500	6,500	6,400	5,900	22,300	22,400	22,400	12,700	12,500	12,500
Government	9,900	9,700	10,000	5,500	5,500	5,300	13,400	13,400	13,100	9,900	9,900	9,800

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* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar.'91*	Feb.'91	Mar.'90	Mar.'91*	Feb.'91	Mar.'90	Mar.'91*	Feb.'91	Mar.'90
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 446.96	$ 441.50	$ 432.02	41.5	41.3	41.5	$ 10.77	$10.69	$10.41
Durable Goods	436.60	432.02	429.51	41.7	41.5	41.7	10.47	10.41	10.30
Lumber & Wood Products	310.99	301.99	301.81	41.8	40.7	41.4	7.44	7.42	7.29
Furniture & Fixtures	277.63	266.05	289.76	38.4	36.9	40.3	7.23	7.21	7.19
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	412.37	411.74	400.89	42.6	42.8	41.5	9.68	9.62	9.66
Primary Metal Industries	466.02	469.17	477.55	40.7	41.3	42.6	11.45	11.36	11.21
Fabricated Metal Products	416.99	415.27	398.65	42.9	42.9	42.5	9.72	9.68	9.38
Industrial Mach., exc. Electric	460.78	447.38	425.63	43.8	43.1	42.1	10.52	10.38	10.11
Oil Field Machinery	588.01	581.66	516.12	50.3	50.1	44.0	11.69	11.61	11.73
Electronic & Oth. Electrical Eqmt.	442.80	451.47	481.48	39.5	40.6	41.4	11.21	11.12	11.63
Transportation Equipment	566.35	551.06	555.94	41.4	40.4	41.8	13.68	13.64	13.30
Instruments & Related Prod.	419.40	422.92	401.39	40.6	41.1	40.3	10.33	10.29	9.96
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	279.53	286.38	288.04	35.7	37.0	38.1	7.83	7.74	7.56
Nondurable Goods	458.56	453.33	434.25	41.2	41.1	41.2	11.13	11.03	10.54
Food & Kindred Products	380.75	370.44	350.64	42.4	42.0	41.3	8.98	8.82	8.49
Meat Products	280.06	276.45	272.83	41.8	41.2	41.4	6.70	6.71	6.59
Malt Beverages	1,024.60	942.22	870.93	53.7	49.8	46.9	19.08	18.92	18.57
Textile Mill Products	350.68	351.30	315.42	44.0	44.3	42.0	7.97	7.93	7.51
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	204.05	209.43	200.30	35.0	35.8	37.3	5.83	5.85	5.37
Paper & Allied Products	500.12	490.49	490.06	43.3	42.8	43.6	11.55	11.46	11.24
Printing & Publishing	433.92	427.67	417.20	39.7	39.2	40.0	10.93	10.91	10.43
Chemicals & Allied Products	736.81	727.32	713.30	44.2	43.5	43.6	16.67	16.72	16.36
Petroleum & Coal Products	781.90	785.83	766.08	44.2	44.7	45.6	17.69	17.58	16.80
Petroleum Refining	812.46	820.35	799.75	44.3	45.0	45.7	18.34	18.23	17.50
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	390.73	391.98	373.92	41.0	41.7	41.0	9.53	9.40	9.12
Leather & Leather Products	280.44	273.74	249.56	41.0	39.5	39.3	6.84	6.93	6.35
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	631.48	634.79	573.33	45.3	46.2	43.5	13.94	13.74	13.18
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	613.04	618.26	548.13	48.5	49.9	44.6	12.64	12.39	12.29
Oil & Gas Extraction	633.20	634.80	575.05	45.1	45.9	43.4	14.04	13.83	13.25
Communications	529.06	532.27	521.16	39.6	39.9	40.4	13.36	13.34	12.90
Elec., Gas & San. Services	577.01	571.90	522.29	42.9	43.0	40.9	13.45	13.30	12.77
Wholesale & Retail Trade	246.24	243.00	240.02	32.4	32.1	32.7	7.60	7.57	7.34
Wholesale Trade	430.75	427.28	416.19	39.7	39.6	39.3	10.85	10.79	10.59
Retail Trade	191.50	187.44	186.35	30.3	29.8	30.7	6.32	6.29	6.07
General Merchandise Stores	189.14	182.18	187.52	29.6	28.6	30.1	6.39	6.37	6.23
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	323.54	321.05	280.69	36.6	36.4	36.5	8.84	8.82	7.69

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 436.36	$ 428.45	$ 427.04	41.4	41.0	41.5	$ 10.54	$ 10.45	$ 10.29
Durable Goods	455.94	445.37	446.61	41.6	41.2	41.7	10.96	10.81	10.71
Nondurable Goods	403.03	399.33	394.70	41.0	40.5	41.2	9.83	9.86	9.58
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	455.87	454.66	468.54	40.2	40.2	41.5	11.34	11.31	11.29
Durable Goods	469.60	469.94	492.48	40.0	40.2	41.7	11.74	11.69	11.81
Nondurable Goods	424.20	421.05	411.64	40.4	40.1	41.0	10.50	10.50	10.04
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	571.23	555.07	529.76	45.3	44.8	44.0	12.61	12.39	12.04
Durable Goods	486.10	473.85	446.76	45.6	45.0	43.8	10.66	10.53	10.20
Nondurable Goods	681.30	660.08	633.93	45.0	44.6	44.3	15.14	14.80	14.31
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	319.12	323.16	309.02	39.3	39.7	40.5	8.12	8.14	7.63
Durable Goods	325.36	331.20	338.25	39.2	40.0	41.2	8.30	8.28	8.21
Nondurable Goods	312.44	314.41	282.18	39.4	39.4	39.8	7.93	7.98	7.09

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries increased by 100.

Nondurable Goods decreased by 400 overall. At 423,200, this was up by 4,800 from a year ago. The largest loss in Nondurables was found in Food and Kindred Products, down 900 from February, and up 3,000 from March '90. This occurred mostly in Preserved Fruits and Vegetables, attributable to seasonal layoffs by major firms. A large gain of 700 in Chemicals and Allied Products was due, in part, to seasonal increases in Agricultural Chemicals, Pesticides, and Fertilizers, but was offset by other losses in Nondurables.

Average Weekly Earnings Rise

For the estimated 637,500 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings rose by eight cents an hour over the month and Average Weekly Hours were up slightly by two-tenths of an hour, causing Average Weekly Earnings to increase by $5.46 from February.

In mid-March a worker, on average, was earning $10.77 per hour for a 41.5-hour week, and making $446.96 in weekly earnings. Durable Goods reported a gain of $4.58 in Average Weekly Earnings and Nondurables rose by $5.23.

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	Mar.'91	Mar.'90
Total Population	17,247,500*	17,093,600*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.0	1.9
UI Covered Employers	319,843	313,456
Total Claims Actions	689,841	644,674
Total Initial Claims Actions	66,272	68,321
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	623,569	576,353
Total Placements	28,259	32,506
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$161.39	$151.96
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$75,259,536	$65,969,611

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
FIRST QUARTER 1991 (JAN.-MAR.)

Abilene	$1,085,115
Amarillo	2,041,458
Austin	8,397,735
Beaumont-Port Arthur	4,931,548
Brazoria	2,103,304
Brownsville-Harlingen	5,238,273
Bryan-College Station	763,198
Corpus Christi	5,461,749
Dallas	43,170,140
El Paso	9,400,346
Fort Worth-Arlington	28,544,958
Galveston-Texas City	3,891,561
Houston	42,768,101
Killeen-Temple	2,252,178
Laredo	1,304,469
Longview-Marshall	3,019,377
Lubbock	2,058,819
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	7,472,975
Midland	910,715
Odessa	1,078,081
San Angelo	749,752
San Antonio	15,056,740
Sherman-Denison	1,750,339
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	887,728
Tyler	2,364,840
Victoria	681,677
Waco	2,502,888
Wichita Falls	1,656,048

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